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1. After a long period of preliminary planning, work has been started on the Gigant smelting works at Mogila, about eight miles east of Krakow and two miles southwest of Flessow. All available living quarters in Krakow have been reserved for those employed on the construction of the plant. Soviet engineers have complete control of all planning and construction although Polish engineers are employed on the project.
2. All the equipment for the plant will be delivered from the USSR which will take a considerable part of the production. It is felt locally that the whole project is to serve, apart from its practical purpose, as propaganda showing the industrial and technical strength of the USSR.
3. It was decided to construct the works on or near the Vistula with a view to simplifying water supply.

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